Preliminary Amendment dated February 11, 2004

REMARKS

The amendment corrects an obvious clerical error and does not raise an issue of new

matter. A skilled organic chemist would have appreciated that the molar ratio of

2,6-dimethylbenzoic acid, potassium carbonate and methyl iodide in the reaction was

approximately 1:1:2.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If

any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such

fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1677.

Respectfully submitted,

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